

WAS IT THE GOOD BEAR?

By OCTAVE THAYER.

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Figure to yourself how poor the Wilds were. Little Claude, who was 5 years old, had never tasted plum cake—never, that is, until the eventful day that I shall describe.

There were three children, Lucius, Claude and Evangeline. The widow Wild being too poor to give her children anything else fine, had given them the finest names, which, she was accustomed to say, "wouldn't wear out nobow."

The Wilds lived in a two-roomed log cabin in the great gum woods, only two miles from a railway village. They rented their land, paying rent in the corn and cotton of their raising. They owned two pigs and a cow, and Mr. Ormond, their landlord, allowed them the use of a pig of mules. Fuel is to be had for gathering in the forest, while fruit and vegetables grow almost of their own accord in Arkansas. But there was little enough money kept in the widow's old stocking—purse she had none—and when the cold Christmas rains came Lucius could not go to school for lack of a warm jacket. Claude could not go anywhere, because he must "mind baby sister."

Sometimes this was no easy task, baby sister taking perverse and trying notions into her head and being a stubborn child. On the very day of the plum cake there was Claude to be seen, trudging along with Evangeline's red sunbonnet flaunting above his own ragged cap.

"Bliged to wear two hats," says Claude, "cause baby sister never will wear hers."

He says it to Colonel Ormond. Colonel Ormond reins in his horse. He is riding home from the store, and I dare say, that big bag slung over his saddle horn holds something to help make Christmas merry.

"My my!—my my!" exclaims the good-natured man. "You'll catch cold and have pneumonia, sure! Here!"—he fishes a brown paper parcel out of his "saddle riders"—"I bought some nice cakes with raisins in for my youngsters. Put your hat right on like a good little girl, and there's one for you. Here's yours, bud."

The tribe was successful. Baby sister allowed Claude to tie her bonnet as she munched her cake, but she wouldn't say "Thank you," although Claude promptly said, "What do you say, baby sister?" And she wouldn't say, "I wish you will sir," like a polite little Arkansas widow, when Colonel Ormond rode away. No, she sat down in the cold mud, naughty, rude little baby sister, and devoured her plum cake.

"You isn't to set on the ground, baby sister," said Claude, pulling at her arms. "Maw said you mustn't! You'll be sure chillin'!"

"Yill set on ground," remarked baby sister calmly.

Baby sister was a determined character. She was also fat. Claude knew from experience that he could not carry her half a mile. "And if I slap her she'll lay down flat and beller!" thought he. Therefore this wise little had tried diplomacy. "Say, baby sister," said he in tones of sly softness, "less we all go look at the circus!"

Baby sister came up like a bounding ball and smiled like a cherub. "Me good now," lisped she.

You must not suppose that there was a real circus to see. A real circus had exhibited its splendors yesterday at the village, but the Wilds were too poor to buy tickets. They all saw the procession, however, which of itself was a thrilling experience. What Claude named the circus was the brilliant poster on a deserted lane by the high road. How may a grown-up person adequately describe the magnificence of that cartoon? The beautiful damsel pirouetting on flying white steeds, the valiant gentlemen in pink tights, with curled mustaches, turning somersaults over trapezes; best of all, the savage beasts—lions, bears, rhinoceroses, tigers—crouching and snarling and tearing their prey in the brightest jungles! Ah, how frightful! How glorious! Claude could have gazed on the animals by the hour. Especially did he admire the grizzly bear, him in the lower right hand corner where the place was torn off. The fact is, Claude always kept a lively interest in bears because of his mother's "bear stories." In Mrs. Wild's narratives there were no grizzlies nor cinnamon nor black bears; the bears were divided into two moral species only—the good bears and the bad bears.

The bad bear hankered to eat up "mean" little boys and girls, but the good bear—luckily always at the bad bear's heels—was the natural protector of good little children, and even pitied children who sometimes were "mean," and generally, after a heart-shaking suspense, contrived to rescue the child in peril, after which he would return in triumph to a thank offering of nuts and honey.

"Dat good bear!" chirped baby sister, standing on one foot and tilting her wee chin back, the better to view the picture. Claude likewise stood on one foot. It was because the ground was cold, and the winter stock of shoes was not bought yet. So the little Wilds stood on one foot, as the chickens do, to keep warm.

"Reckon," said Claude. Then he told the often told story to such good effect that, on its happy conclusion, baby sister was quite willing to go home.

"And I tell you what, baby sister," said the brother confidently, "I ain't done a bit of that cake with the white candy on top, and I are going to save it for maw for Christmas gift."

Baby sister trotted along, paying no attention.

"Santa Claus never does give maw any Christmas gift. He don't give me all much Christmas gifts, anyhow," mused Claude. "Reckon maw's house does be so small them reinder of his jest lopes is and stops by the big houses."

Baby sister was not old enough to care even for Santa Claus, but she ran on cheerfully, crooning a funny little song about a "caw-caw."

Behold the children now, walking hand in hand, like good little brother

and sister, through the vast, gum forest. I can see exactly how they looked. I can see the forest. A few bright leaves still cling to the boughs of the gum trees and the slim dogwood branches. There are smears of green on the willow oaks. The sun burns in flickering splashes on these gay leaves, it lightens the rusty shreds of foliage on the other trees, strikes narrow gleams of silver out of the black pool to the children's right, and paints softer and brighter the soft, bright green of the moss on cypress trunks. The cypress trees grow in the water. This is the "swag land" that Claude's mother cautions him daily to shun, for in that muddy water two helpless children might sink and die, and their shrieks be never heard!

No doubt Claude looked upward at the clusters of mistletoe, the white berries of which gleamed among the tree tops and wished himself as big as Lucius. Lucius had been promised a whole large silver dollar when he should fetch a barrel of mistletoe and holly to Mr. Crosby, the northern gentleman who was staying at Colonel Ormond's. He was a very accomplished gentleman, this northern gentleman. He had come from Texas, where he had killed bears and deer and learned to lasso wild horses. He was going to send the mistletoe to a pretty young lady north. He told Claude so himself. Claude thought that it must be his sister. He gave Claude 50 cents once, for nothing on earth but gathering him a bag of pecan nuts. He had as much money as that!

Marveling over such wealth and generosity, Claude ran along the path. They had reached the lowlands, and Claude, who obediently kept on the higher ground, was lifting baby sister in order to carry her across a muddy place when—an awful thing happened! Claude saw a bear. Not a bear in a picture this time; a real flesh and blood, fur and claws bear! He was plain to see, coming at a gentle pace through the trees, a huge bulk of grayish black, with black muzzle, and a red, red tongue lolling between two jagged white saws of teeth.

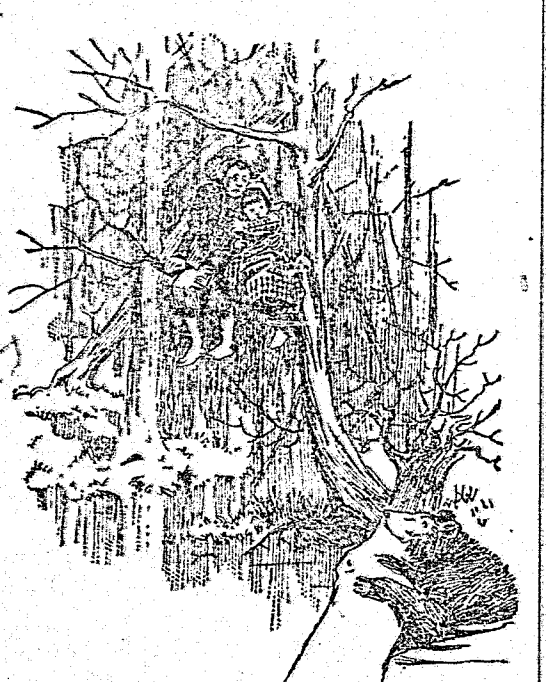
Claude's heart bumped against his ribs. His thin legs shook to the extent that he had like to have dropped baby sister. Was the bad bear come to eat them at last? In one swift and agonized glance his eyes seized on the single chance of escape. A log floated on the water of the hollow, one end almost touching the dry ground, the other against a hackberry tree. Like all such trees, the hackberry had knots and lumps on the trunk, and many low, growing limbs. Children that had climbed from babyhood could wriggle up the tree by these knots and sit in the branches. The unsteady log would bear their light weight, but it would not hold up a big bear.

It is not likely that Claude reasoned the matter out completely. Some instinctive picture of such a thing came to him, and he hurried baby sister on to the safety bridge. She had seen the bear now. She was sure it was the bad bear sent on a mission of vengeance because she had been "mean," and she clung to Claude, trembling, so that she nearly toppled him over, and wailing: "Oh, don't let bear eat baby! Baby be good! Me good now!" in a piteous small voice of fright.

How poor little Claude, with his heart jumping and his legs shaking, was able to trundle that fat and frightened baby over the wet, slimy, unstable log is hard to explain. Somehow he did it, half holding, half pushing baby sister. Well, for both children their feet were shod with nothing more slippery than their own skin!

They could hear the bear heavily plodding through the underbrush. They dared not look behind, they dared not hurry, for black death was ambushed in the morass—waiting only a slip.

They scrambled up the hackberry branches. Claude helped baby sister into a crotch. She was too little and feeble to climb very high. After he had crawled



"Mamma, mamma, bear fixin to eat me!" cried baby sister, and Claude burst into tears and cried for his mother, too, but in an instant he was shouting with relief: "Look a' there! Look a' there! He done mired up!"

Sure enough, the bridge that had been none too stout for the two babies sank under the big bear, and off he swashed into the swamp with a mighty thud and splutter. He heaved and plunged until he got two paws upon the log, but he could do no more, and perhaps he resigned himself to his bath, the day not being cold, and his coat being a thick one, since he presently gave over his struggles and stood passively eying the children with a perfectly gentle and sleepy stare.

To be continued.

The Home Garden. Remove the dead leaves from plants every day and spray the foliage with water. This will give the plants a fresh appearance and will, in great measure, keep down insects. Tie up neatly to the air of the room pure and contributes to the vigor of the plants. Turn the pots frequently so the plants may not grow one-sided.

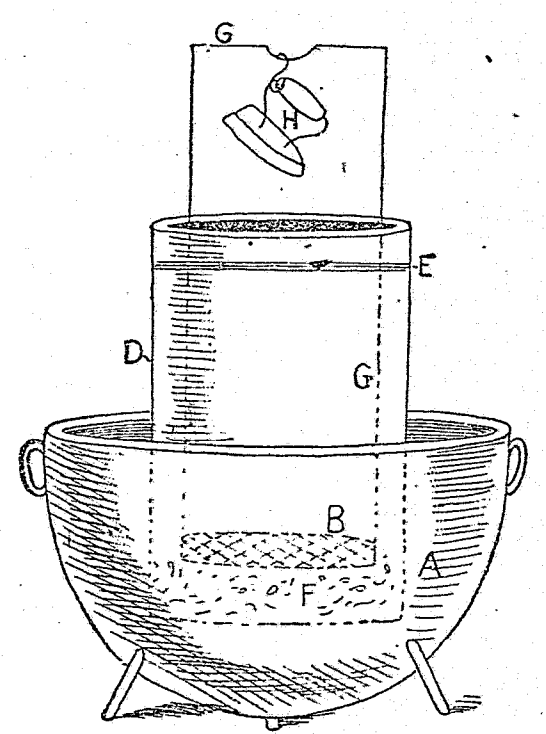
RENDERING BEESWAX.

A Plan by Which the Work is Done Neatly and Without Waste.

A correspondent of The American Bee Journal gives the following illustrated description of his mode of extracting beeswax:

There is no vexation of the flesh to be compared with what I have had in my search for the best method in rendering beeswax. I tried fire, hot air, steam and the sun processes, but with little satisfaction. The extracting was either too slow and wasteful or proved damaging to the wax. It is said that necessity is the mother of invention. Recently I had a great amount of wax to extract and made it a serious, sober study. I fixed on a plan which was at once put in execution and with most gratifying results.

A large iron wash kettle is filled about one-third full of water and placed over a fire. The comb to be rendered into wax is placed in a sack of cheese cloth and packed down by pouring over it boiling water. This is done in a tin can of about a foot in diameter and three feet high. After the bag is nearly filled, the tin can containing it is placed inside of the iron kettle. To keep the bag with the wax fixed to the bottom of the can, and at the same time under the hot water a few inches, insert a press made of wire, with two uprights, bolted united above. To the crosspiece of the wire above suspend a smoothing iron, with a hook, in order to keep the bag under water, and to maintain a constant gentle pressure. A brisk fire is main



RENDERING COMB INTO WAX.

tained under the iron kettle, and the water in both vessels is kept to a boiling point, until the wire press has settled so far to the bottom to show that the wax may have been all extracted and was now floating on the surface.

After the above process is completed withdraw the fire, and when the water gets cold, remove the wax from the can. If removed in broken pieces, which is usually the case, it is afterward melted on a stove in a suitable cake for the market. If the cake in the can is likely to be too thick, the wax had better be skimmed off before it consolidates.

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In the cut, A represents the iron kettle; B network of wire or spiral form, at one end of the wire press; C, the wire press, D tin can, E piece of wood to keep the wire press in place, F comb in bottom of can, H smoothing iron.

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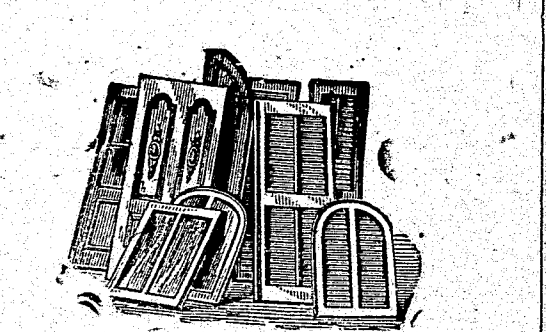
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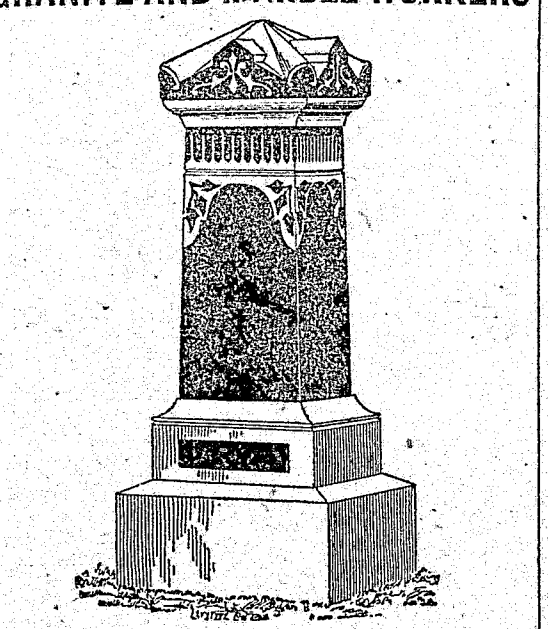
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April 15—Gentlemen's circle, Congregational, Norway.
April 16—Sale and refreshments by Episcopal society, G. A. R. hall.
April 17—The Little Flyaway, Norway Opera House.
April 22—Fast Day.
May 10—Norway high school benefit concert, under direction of Prof. Fred A. Given.

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The Westbrook Chronicle

has issued an illustrated edition, devoted to the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison electric railroad.

NORWAY LAKE.

Virgil Flood is at work for J. A. Roberts again.

The electric road surveyors were through here, Wednesday.

Gwendolyn Hazelton is taking music lessons of Mrs. George Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winslow are stopping at Charles Adams' at present.

George Merrill and Asa Frost are making the much needed repairs in our schoolhouse.

Fannie M. Tucker has gone to Massachusetts to visit relatives. She is to be gone about four weeks.

Josiah Smith, an old soldier and comrade of David Flood's, called to see him, last week. Mr. Smith was on his way to Bridgton.

Little Gracie Flood has more living grandparents than children average. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Packard and Mrs. Gammon; and grandparents are Albert Packard and wife and David Flood and wife.

The Norway Lake Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. F. T. Greene. Program for the afternoon:—Quotations, an exercise in civics conducted by Mrs. Louise Hazelton, important events in early town history by Mrs. Christine Stephens, Mrs. Mary Perry and Ellen Partridge, reading by Mrs. Winnie Hall and Clara Sanborn.

Mrs. Geo. D. Swift, Winter St., Norway, does all kinds of millinery.

HEBRON.

Mrs. I. P. Pearce visited her father in Auburn, last week.

Alice Milliken of Portland is the guest of Mrs. Fannie Stearns.

Leonard Randall went to Boston, last week, to visit his daughter.

Mrs. Abbie Marshall has been elected supervisor of schools in Hebron for the ensuing year.

Friday evening a sugaring off party was held in the ladies' parlor at the church. It was a very sweet time.

Mr. Crandon of the class of '95 Hebron Academy is boarding with Mrs. Amanda Merrill. Mr. Crandon is out of health.

Erna Marshall and Cordelia Everett went to Auburn, last week, to visit their brother, William Marshall, who was sick with the grip.

Chas. Cummings of Hebron and Sadie Hobbs of Norway were married at the home of the bride in Norway, Wednesday, April 14th.

The ladies' circle met at their room in the church, Tuesday afternoon. Supper was served at 6 o'clock, at which the gentlemen were invited.

The Tyrocinic Adelpi Society met, last week, and chose the following officers: President, W. H. Ormsby. Vice President, C. U. Abbott. Secretary, G. W. Atchley.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

H. R. Swain is able to do his work.

F. W. Graham has sold his oxen to the town.

W. J. Kimball is putting new windows in his hotel.

E. S. Farnum and Asbury Hoyt are in the sap business.

Bert Green has hired for the season with F. W. Graham.

Ed Farnum, Guy Dolloff and Henry Woods are home from Swift river.

WILSON'S MILLS.

J. W. Clark is still on the sick list.

Addie Flint arrived home from Stratford, Monday.

River drivers have begun to go up the Magalloway and over to Kennebago.

Nahum Mason of West Bethel came up, Wednesday, to look over the bridge site, etc.

Walter Bucknam has yarded timber left in the woods, waiting for snow another year.

Some of our young people went to Errol to an entertainment by the Umbagog Grange, Wednesday evening.

Twenty horses belonging to the B. M. Co. came over from the Kennebago region and passed through here, Monday.

OXFORD.

Dr. Orrin Stevens went to Boston, Saturday.

Jennie Hayes is visiting relatives in Portland.

Emma Dunn of Portland is home on a short vacation.

Marjorie Estes of Auburn is staying with Hattie Farrar.

Geo. Blake has gone to Lowell, Mass., to attend school.

Daisy Dawes of Auburn is here, visiting her grandparents.

Dr. A. L. Hersey and wife are visiting their daughter in Boston.

The L. H. L. C. met at Mrs. George Jones', Monday night. Next week they meet at Eva Frost's home.

The Richardson Bohemian glass blowers are giving entertainments in Robinson hall every night this week.

The electric road from this village to the Grand Trunk station is an assured fact. The railroad commissioners came, Tuesday, to lay out the route.

The village schools began Monday, with Mr. Hicks, of Rosindale, Mass., as principal of the high school, and Miss Small of Auburn, assistant. Miss Billings of Gardner teaches the intermediate room, and Miss Perkins still has charge of the primary department.

Mabel Holmes has entered the class of '98, Mechanic Falls high school.

Rev. J. B. Howard is attending the conference in Portland, this week.

Rev. J. A. Corey preached in the Methodist church here and at Welchville, Sunday.

Leon Wardwell and George Gilsom, former students of the high school, are attending the Edward Little high school at Auburn.

Although the farmers of Oxford sat down so hard on the new railroad scheme, men who ought to know say the road is a sure thing.

WEST BETHEL.

Eggs 12 cents per dozen.

John Rollins has painted a wagon for Will Tyler.

L. Ordway went to Portland, Saturday, on business.

We notice H. E. Grover has his hotel in order.

S. A. Coffin of Gilead was at W. A. Farwell's, Sunday.

Millie Mason was here to visit her parents, last week.

Mrs. Bessie Martin is in 'quite poor health, this spring.

Geo. Harden is sawing up the woodpile for Milton Holt.

Adada Connor had a bunch cut out of the shoulder, last week.

Gene Prescott has been to Paris to visit his brother Charles.

Mrs. Fred Ordway is better, and now does most of her housework.

Fred Ordway sold 11 calves to John Philbrick, of Bethel, Monday.

Octavia Grover is having her shed painted; her brother does the work.

Arthur Robertson was out driving, last Sunday. He has a very pretty horse.

The weather vane at the meeting house has again been put in position, and looks better.

Charles Abbott has a sheep that recently dropped a lamb that weighed 10 pounds.

Your correspondent recently received a can of nice strawberries from George A. Grover and wife, and were a treat for this season of the year.

Milton Holt has received a photograph of Daniel Grover and family, with visitors, which was taken December 29, 1896. They were all seated by a table under the orange trees, on his farm in California. On the table was a display of oranges just picked from the well loaded trees under which they sat, also strawberries fresh from the vines, all looking very nice and summer-like, which is quite a contrast to what the weather was here in December.

SNOW'S FALLS.

Iza L. Curtis is working for Eldron H. Stearns.

Chandler L. Curtis is spending a few weeks at home.

Will Suckles has been visiting his brother, L. Suckles.

Robert L. Benson is attending the spring term at Paris Hill academy.

Susie Porter of South Paris spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Edna C. Curtis.

Mrs. F. E. Shaw is gaining slowly. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank E. Shaw, of Somerville, Mass., is caring for her.

J. S. Clapp, Benton L. Swift, Will C. Stearns and George W. Hammond visited Oxford Lodge of Freemasons, Monday evening. They report a first-rate time.

Lena May Bartlett wishes to inform the readers of this paper that she found nine live grasshoppers, April 4. She has also counted 1080 crickets this spring.

It is evident that there are not grasshoppers enough to fill the bill. But there. The season is yet young.

Madame Arabella R. Carter.

Mrs. Arabella Rawson Carter, widow of the late Hon. Timothy Jarvis Carter, died Monday morning, April 12, at her late residence at Paris Hill. Mrs. Carter was born Feb. 22, 1807, and died in the house in which she was born. She was a daughter of the late Samuel and Polla (Freeland) Rawson, and on Sept. 11, 1828, she was married to Hon. Timothy J. Carter, one of the most able and successful lawyers of his day, who was elected to Congress in 1836, and died in Washington, March 14, 1888, before the close of his term. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter was the late Samuel Rawson Carter, a well known member of the Oxford bar, who was born in the same house in which his mother was born and died, and whose death occurred on April 24, 1893, and soon followed him, his wife, a daughter of the late Elijah L. Hamlin, and the only son who resided in New York. The only near relatives of Mrs. Carter left are Columbia, the widow of the late Virgil D. Parris, and Abigail, the widow of the late Henry E. Prentiss of Bangor; James F. Rawson, an only brother, prominent as a lawyer and politician, visited her there quite recently. Mary Ann, her eldest sister, married Dr. Fuller of Rumford, and for her second husband Dr. Bullock of the same town. Frances F., the youngest of the Rawson family, married William K. Kimball, formerly United States marshal and a general in the late war. Both the sisters are now deceased. She also leaves two great-granddaughters, Julia and Dorothy Carter, and a large circle of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Carter attained ninety years of age, and with one exception was the eldest person in town. She has long been attached to the Episcopal church and was highly esteemed as a communicant. She was a woman of cultivated mind and great force of character.

The funeral, Thursday, from her late residence was conducted by Rev. Marcus H. Carroll of Norway Episcopal church.

SWEDEN.

L. S. Plummer is to be our mail carrier, commencing July 1.

Marshall Nevers of Waterford is visiting his sister, Mrs. O. R. Maxwell.

Mrs. S. N. Chute and others entertain the next circle, at Town hall, Wednesday evening, May 12.

Frank Noble collects his cream on wheels. He has made his regular trips thus far this spring.

Mr. Stephen Chandler of North Fryeburg has moved to their recent purchase, the Charles B. Hamlin place.

Mrs. Bion Pike of Waterford has been with her aunt, Mrs. Alvin Pike, who still continues to be a great sufferer.

Frank L. Howe, of Framingham, Mass., has been in town buying cattle for the Brighton market. He bought some nice oxen.

M. E. Perry completed his work for the Bridgton Lumber Co., the past week, and has sold one pair of his horses to J. N. Howe of Lowell.

Mrs. Jeffery and children, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., who have been spending a few weeks at O. R. Maxwell's and Minot Nevers', returned home, this week.

Rev. Wm. Bragg conducted his closing service at the Methodist church at 2 p. m., Sunday. He has made his last trip to Sweden, many warm friends the past year in this town, and their good wishes go with him and his family.

Over 50 partook of the baked bean supper prepared by Mrs. M. B. Plummer, A. B. Perry and Mrs. M. E. Perry at the young people's circle, Wednesday evening. After music and games by the young people they were treated to cake and ice cream.

John Jewell, the stage driver, met with quite an accident, Saturday, his horse stepping into a hole, which threw him off the sleigh. When the horse was captured near Marshall Stone's, he was badly injured. Rumor says Mr. Jewell will call upon the town of Bridgton to pay the damages.

After a brief illness, Mrs. Olive Wentworth Porter, widow of the late J. Griffin Porter, died of pneumonia, Friday, March 26, aged 89 years. Rev. William Bragg of South Waterford conducted service at her late home, Sunday, the 28th. Her children were all at the services, excepting Mrs. Albert Brown, who was prevented by sickness. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Wm. Bidlon, of this town, who was uniting in her ministrations to her sister during her short illness. She has one brother, Daniel Wentworth, living in Pennsylvania. Everett Kimball and wife of North Norway, and sister Emma of Waterford attended the funeral.

NORTH ALBANY.

N. M. Scribner moved back to his own place here, last Thursday.

George and Aaron Kenerson went to Gilead to work, last week.

A. S. Bean has had men driving river. They boarded the boat at about 10 o'clock, and returned to Paris, last week. Rufus Morrill and family will move to Norway, next Tuesday.

Scrofula Eruptions

Little Girl the Victim of Impure Blood—Suffered Intensely Until Hood's Sarsaparilla Cured.

"When three months old, my little daughter had eruptions on her face. I was obliged to keep her hands tied at night and it was necessary to watch her during the day. She would scratch herself whenever she had the chance, until her clothes would be covered with blood. We concluded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, because I had great faith in it, and after awhile, we could see that she was getting better. People often asked 'How did that child burn her face?' and they said she would certainly be left with scars, but she was not. It is now a year since she was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla and her face is as smooth and white and soft as that of any child." Mrs. WILBUR WELLS, Warren, Conn.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Is sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

V. W. HILLS,

The only : : : Practical Optician.

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Examination of the Eyes, Free.

Thirty Complete Teams for sale at a Bargain by

John M. Cummings,

Norway and South Paris, Maine.

I must reduce my livery stock, and will sell at a great opportunity, 30 teams out of my livery stock.

The horses will weigh from 900 to 1300, ages from 5 to 10 years.

Concord and 2-seated wagons for farmers' use, at a bargain. Banner wagons, top buggies, 2-seated carry-top surreys.

One large in good condition, will seat 20 persons; light and heavy, single and double harnesses, 25 wolf robes.

Call early, and examine.

JOHN M. CUMMINGS, Norway, Maine.

FOR SALE CHEAP One second-hand arm sewing machine for shoe repairing, in good repair. E. M. Thomas, 167 Main Street, Norway, Me. (Sign the Gold Book.) 167-7

Sap Buckets, Sap Spouts and Bucket Covers

The Latest Thing out.

Don't buy until you have seen them at

J. O. CROOKER'S Hardware Store, 133 Main Street, NORWAY.

GRAFTON.

Jimmie Brown is at Rumford Falls on business.

Will McGinnis has moved into J. H. Farrar's house.

Lena Littlefield of Newry is visiting friends in town.

Daisy Brooks is at Errol, N. H., working for W. H. West.

Lillian Brown is visiting friends in Bethel and Rumford.

Mr. Dodge of Boston has returned here to spend the summer.

Arthur Tyler of South Paris has recently visited his parents.

Florence Farrar is at Bethel, working for her sister, Mrs. C. F. Farrar.

Gilbert Tyler has hauled lumber to build his house, and will commence work very soon, so as to have it ready for occupancy before hot weather.

The library association held a sale, last Thursday, of articles made the past year, the proceeds of which are to go towards the purchase of books. Supper was served to about 50 guests. It was a success, financially, and we extend thanks to those from other towns who gave us their patronage, and whose presence added much to the evening's entertainment. Searle & Harlow furnished the music for those wishing to dance, which helped much towards the enjoyment of the evening.

EAST SWEDEN.

Mrs. E. W. Bennett is quite sick.

Bertie L. Moore, 14 years, has made 11 gallons of maple syrup, this season.

D. T. Adams let his sap orchard for the season to Wilber and Roy Wilson.

The bad cold that has been prevailing has struck this place, and but few of the people have escaped a touch of it.

J. W. Nevers has been unable to work at the mill for a few days. Samuel C. Ridlon has his job in the mill. Sam can turn his hand to about all kinds of mill work.

George Haskell, our storekeeper, says he has sold his last barrel of Cleveland sugar, and the next barrel must get a little advance in price.

The funeral of Clinton Merserve took place at Samuel J. Marr's, April 6. His brother Odd Fellows of Norway Lodge had charge of the funeral. The remains were brought here the night before from Hallowell. But few of our people knew of the sad event in season to attend the funeral. This sad case shows us the uncertainty of life, as he was a young man in apparent health up to the time of his death.

Spring and Summer **OPENING** of Millinery at

C. E. & E. M. BRIGGS,

Harrison, Me.

Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24.

You are invited to call and inspect.

UNTIL MAY 1st, '97

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ANTI-RUST TINWARE

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	Special.	Regular.
8 in. Anti-Rust Boilers, xx	\$1.25	\$1.75
9 in. " " "	1.35	2.00
14 quart Pails,	.42	.55
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We desire to emphasize to our customers the fact that all of the goods manufactured by this company are **WARRANTED** not to rust.

We will make this guarantee good by replacing, free of charge, any articles which may be brought back to you in a rusty condition, or prove otherwise defective. Should any such be found, our agent will take pleasure in attending to the matter when he makes his next call.

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Please examine our Stock.

All the latest styles in all kinds of Footwear can be found

at our store. Prices lower than ever. We have also just

received a new lot of Trunks. Call and see us.

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E. N. SWETT, Manager.

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EAST HEBRON.
Cyrrus Ramsdell is quite ill.
The roads are in bad plight for travel-
ing. Few are seen out on pleasure trips.
There is little change with the sick.
The epidemic is unwilling to leave in
haste.
H. N. Merrill is having the trimmings to
his barn put on and will claspboard
soon.
On Monday morning hope revived on
seeing a beautiful morning with sun-
shine.
Frank Packard has hired Charles
Pierce for this season. He has just
finished his winter's work for Frank.
B. C. Keene intended to raise his barn,
last Saturday, but on account of the
storm it was postponed until Monday.
The frame is seventy-five feet in length,
that is to store his hay and keep his
stock. After having he will take down
his old barn and add thirty-eight feet to
the part already raised. He has the
foundation already laid. John Whit-
man and Moses Smith are working for him.

NORTH PARIS.
Ella Mayhew has been at home on a
short visit.
Mr. Hallett has moved into Mrs.
Murdock's house.
Jim Robinson has hired out to A. D.
Andrews for eight months.
P. E. Goveall has moved back into this
district on to his wife's place.
West Paris Grange is to have a dining
hall built underneath their hall.
Nathan Millett was through this sec-
tion, April 12, looking after stock.
Benjamin Dow is laid up with a bad
leg, having rheumatism in his knee.
Ivan Lowe is going to work for F. L.
Barrett on Summer Hill, this season.
Charles Kimball has moved into the
Sullivan Andrews stand at the village.
Oscar Kimball has taken Ed Richar-
son's farm for a year and has got moved.
The M. E. circle met with America
Andrews, April 2d. About forty-six
were present.
Mrs. Martha Andrews has gone to
Portland to attend the M. E. Conference
and visit her son.
Everett Robbins has finished work in
the woods and has moved back home.
He has bought a cow of Lyman Beck.
Mrs. Jane Robbins has moved up with
her daughter, Mrs. Bessey, and Harlan
Robbins is boarding with Oscar Kimball.
A. D. Haseltine has moved to Jackson
Village into Mrs. Polly Howe's rent and
will carry on Charles Crockett's farm,
this summer.

HALE.
There are several cases of the grip in
Roxbury.
Enoch Penley died, Friday morning.
He was born in Danville, now Auburn,
and was the son of Dea. Enoch Penley.
He spent his last days in Roxbury, on a
farm. He was 87 years old. His wife
died, last fall. The writer has known
him for about 70 years, as we were both
born in the same town.
Simeon Briggs (deceased) of Paris has
been granted a restoration and reissue of
pension.

EASTER MILLINERY OPENING.
MRS. V. W. HILLS.
Annual Spring Millinery Opening,
This Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17.
All are invited, no matter if you don't wish to purchase.
Come and see.

With Your Permission
We appoint you a committee of one
to see where you can purchase your Spring Suit to
the best advantage to yourself. We believe if you
investigate the subject thoroughly, you will buy
here. Looking backward to a year ago, we thought
we had the handsomest line of Spring Clothing that
could be possibly got together. This spring there is
such an improvement in the new designs and weaves
that an old pattern seems very much out of place if
shown in company with the new ones.

MONEY BACK IF NOT SUITED.
H. B. FOSTER,
Opera House Block, NORWAY, MAINE.

VIOLET
Our Beautiful All Admit It.
The best Quality
The best Looking
The best Wearing
\$2.00
LADIES' SHOE ON EARTH.
Easy to Fit, and
Easy to Wear.
It charms every lady by its beautiful appearance,
and more than satisfies her every requirement.
Greatest seller of the season.

For sale at **Oxford County Shoe Store,**
NORWAY, MAINE. **F. W. FAUNCE, Clerk.**

FRYEBURG.
Miss M. S. Howe has been to Portland.
Mrs. W. R. Tarbox has gone to Boston.
Emma Hill is to teach the East Frye-
burg school.
Maud Fessenden is visiting friends in
Massachusetts.
Fannie Tibbetts has opened her house
on Main Street.
William B. Bradley has returned from
Philadelphia.
Mrs. E. O. Farrington of Augusta was
in town, this week.
E. S. Chaso has rented the Wiley
house on Oxford Street.
Mrs. Charles Ladd and Mrs. W. H.
Trube are in New York.
Moses Harriman received a serious in-
jury from a fall, last week.
Will Locke of Portland spent Sunday
at his father's, John Locke's.
Mrs. Fannie Waterman is visiting her
sister, Mrs. Pingree, in Brooks.
Hattie Adams will teach the Fish
Street school, this coming year.
Camp Lovell has been recently vis-
ited by Mr. Fife and Mr. Goodnow.
Oliver McIntire has rented the house
formerly occupied by Ira Seavey on
Smith Street.
George Haley, a pupil of F. L. Harvey,
the State botanist, will begin his botany
classes in Fryeburg, Saturday, April 17.
An illustrated lecture on the "White
City" was given by A. W. Dyer of Port-
land in New Church Hall, Tuesday even-
ing.
The Chautauqua circle met with Mr.
Stone, Monday evening. An interesting
program was presented, including an
outline of early Greek History by Rev.
E. H. Abbott.
There will be special services prepara-
tory to Easter, in the Congregational ves-
try, Wednesday evening, Thursday after-
noon and Friday evening. At the New
Church on Friday evening. On Sunday
there will be the usual Easter services at
both churches.
The Academy students gave a "cob-
web social" at Academy Hall, Thursday
evening. Blanche Spring won first prize
in getting to the end of her thread first.
In the "smelling contest," Fred E. Fife
won first prize. Dancing and games
were indulged in. Ice cream was served
at intermission. There was also a for-
tune teller's booth presided over by Mrs.
Ned Weston and the "magic" cards used
by her were auctioned off to the highest
bidder.

WELCHVILLE.
Hattie Gammon is very sick.
Harker Wilkes, one of S. E. King's
valuable horses, died, last week.
H. A. Bennett has resigned his posi-
tion as section foreman on the Grand
Trunk. Mr. Sumner of West Bethel
takes his place.
There is still much talk about the
proposed trolley road from Oxford sta-
tion to Oxford via Welchville, although
the town does not seem to grant a right of
way or to take \$10,000 worth of stock.
James Dunn of Poland and Mrs. Flora
Staples of Welchville were married at
the home of the bride, Wednesday, April
7th, at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Howard
performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs.
Dunn will reside in Poland.

OTISFIELD.
Joseph Strout is some better.
Frank Latulip's family are all better.
Joe Edwards visited friends in Pownal
recently.
Loveta Mayberry is very low. There
are no hopes of her recovery.
Howard, little son of A. S. Ames, has
been quite sick for a few days.
Bessie Edwards is to work for Peter
Jordan of Casco, doing housework.
George Scribner has made a large
amount of maple syrup, this spring.
Mrs. Benjamin Foster is still quite
feeble. She is unable to sit up or be
dressed.
Mrs. Hiram Edwards is in very poor
health. She is suffering with stomach
and liver trouble. She does not get out
but a little.
John Noble has been in very poor
health for some time. He has gone to
Edes' Falls to stop with his daughter,
Mrs. Lizzie Duffee.

The ADVERTISER has received a letter
from E. W. Eastman, which states that
the Oxford Depot-Welchville-Oxford
village railroad is a certainty. One of
the business men has subscribed liberally
to the stock. The survey begins at once
and the cars will be running by the mid-
dle of June.

Hats.
Stiff or soft, all sizes and all
qualities and prices. Black
brown, blue, gray. New
spring styles and lots of them.

Caps.
Just as good a line as of hats.
Come and see them.

Clothing.
New spring styles, and a
splendid assortment for old
and young.

Dry Foot Goods
Such as rubbers, are excellent
at this season.

J. F. PLUMMER,
Market Square,
South Paris.

Hobbs' Variety Store.
Our spring stock in our various de-
partments was never so complete, or
bought at so low a figure. Covered
bread-raising pans in tinware, 18 to 21
quarts, from 25 cents to 70 cents; dairy pans
from 2 pint to 12 quarts, 2 cts. to 10 cts.;
bread boxes, steamers, spice boxes,
pot covers, tunnels, dippers, teapots,
iron sifters, pails, child's B. O. plates,
pie plates, wash boilers, baking tins,
wash basins.
In crockery chamber ware, 20 differ-
ent decorations in sets; 10-piece sets,
full size, color under glaze, English
ware, \$1.95; sets from \$3 to \$8; ewers
and basins, chambers, covered soaps,
soap slabs.
In crockery dinner ware, 2 decora-
tions, semi-porcelain body, color under
glaze, 112-piece sets, \$7.00. Other pat-
terns, \$9.00 to \$16.00. Our stock in all
kinds of crockery is complete; we own
these goods low, and will sell them at a
small profit.
In wall papers, we have sold up to the
first of April, over 2,000 rolls of this sea-
son's goods. This fact indicates our
prices and styles are right.
Curtains with spring fixtures, 12 1/2 cts.,
25 cts., 35 cts., 50 cts.
Laundry soaps, Lenox & Kirk's Saffin-
e, 8 bars for 25 cts. A special value in
toilet soaps, 3 cakes in box, always sold
for 35 cts., this lot, 15 cts. Stationery,
Rock and Yellow Ware, Stone Ware,
Wooden Ware, Bird Cages, Glass Ware,
Lamp Goods. When in town, look over
our stock.

WEST PARIS.
Mrs. Geo. Bryant is visiting in Deer-
ing, this week.
Mrs. I. F. Emmons went to Portland,
Monday, for a few days.
H. H. Trouschke of Boston visited at
G. H. Briggs' over Sunday.
I. W. Spiller and son Robert of Shel-
burne visited at E. R. Davis', this week.
Mrs. Frank Hunt and little daughter
are away visiting relatives in Haverhill,
Mass.
Mrs. Clara Riddell went to Norway,
last week, to visit her daughter, Mrs.
Geo. Jackson.
The proceeds received from the enter-
tainment given by West Paris Grange,
April 2d, amounted to \$20.75.
Dave Emmons and wife arrived home,
Saturday night, from their trip to Wash-
ington, Philadelphia and other places.
Bert Day has left his position on the
Grand Trunk section and is working for
the Maine Wood Rim Co. Hiram Bacon
has taken his place on the section.
Chester Fickett's buildings burned to
the ground, Tuesday forenoon. Two
horses and other live stock were also
burned. The loss about \$2,000; insur-
ance \$400.
It is said that the Hon. George Riddell
of Randolph Falls is coming to West Pa-
ris to settle in business.
Rev. F. E. Wheeler, the Universalist
pastor at Mechanic Falls, is coming to
West Paris, the first of June, to study
medicine with Dr. O. K. Yates.
Augustus Noyes says the boys are do-
ing a good stroke of business in their
sap orchard. He was in town, Saturday,
and says his health is improving.
Rev. Dr. Boles of Brooklyn, N. Y., has
resigned his pastorate in Brooklyn on ac-
count of impaired health, and will come
to West Paris to spend some months.
Over 118,000 pounds of butter, for
which the patron received over \$18,000,
is the good news. The plant is in first
class shape and the company in a good
financial condition. There are about 100
patrons.
N. J. Cushman is making and shipping
butter blocks so called. These blocks
are made of rock maple, beech and other
hard wood. He makes about two ship-
ments per week and these blocks go to
all parts of the world.
Hezekiah Farrar, the jeweler and
watchmaker, has a genuine old-fashioned
long clock. It is over 100 years old and
kept time for many years in the family
of David Young. The clock has a Ma-
sonic dial and was made by S. Hoadley,
Fryeburg. It is a valuable time piece
for one with a longing to own an old
long clock.
Lewis Mann of the Pioneer mill says
he has got out a big lot of birch, the
past winter, about 1500 cords at both
mills. About fifteen hands are employed
at the mill, the one here and the other at
Milton. Fifteen hundred cords of birch
to be made into clothes pins is considerable
of an industry and means a good deal of
money to the farmers and mill operatives.

BUCKFIELD.
L. T. Millett was in town, Monday.
C. H. Prince, esq., has sold his stand
to A. F. Warren.
Rev. Mr. Bangs of the Baptist church
takes a week off.
J. A. Rawson and wife and Linnie
Packard are among the sick.
The Buckfield Literary Club met,
Tuesday, with Mrs. Gilbert Tilton.
Easter was observed at the Methodist
church, Sunday. Plants and flowers in
order.
It transpires that Mrs. Mitchell, lately
deceased, left her pleasant stand on
Turner Street for a Methodist parsonage.
Your correspondent is indebted to D. C.
Clark for a copy of Norway's corpora-
tion report. Some familiar names ap-
pear.
Aubury Burt, who was Buckfield's
barber for many years, attended to Wil-
son's clients during Mr. Coan's
vacation.
Rev. Mr. Rich and wife are attending
conference at Portland. At the urgent
request of the people Mr. Rich is ex-
pected to return.
The Aqueduct Company met, Satur-
day, and organized by electing W. H.
Atwood, president; Chas. E. Hatch, clerk;
and J. A. Rawson, treasurer.
A little girl, calling on a neighbor,
while viewing the plants, informed the
lady that her mother used "pneumonia"
on her plants. This reminds us of the
old lady's liniment for rheumatic troubles,
which was composed of "numona and
alcohol."
The Portland Packing Co., Henry Nut-
ty, superintendent, the manufacturing
cans with new and improved machinery.
Skilled labor is supplanted by machinery
to the extent that it requires but little
skill to do double the work of a few
years ago.
Sandford was unfortunate a few years
since by having his buildings consumed
by fire. Being a man of good repute, all
felt to give him a lift. Among the arti-
cles of household goods, second-hand
bedsteads seemed to predominate. Sand-
ford held his peace for a time but when
the accumulation amounted to forty, it
was there he drew the line on bedsteads.

SUMNER HILL.
V. D. Bicknell was in town, Monday.
Willie Keene has gone to Norway to
work.
Miss A. E. Barrett remains about the
same.
Mrs. Sabra Robinson is visiting at her
sister's.
F. L. Barrett has gone to North Jay,
to pack apples.
James Bicknell has been at work for
S. G. Barnett, the past week.
L. B. Heald's family is sick with the
grippe also Mrs. E. M. Barrett.
Mrs. George Noyes and son will stay
with her mother, Mrs. Davenport, this
summer.
Mrs. Mary Sowell is at West Sumner,
taking care of Mrs. Harden, who is sick
with pneumonia.

HARTFORD.
Mrs. Edgar Irish has gone to Norway
visiting.
George Brown has bought a colt of
Dan Barker.
Stanley Benson has taken his father's
farm, so we hear.
Fred Caswell and family have moved
into Mrs. Sarah Russell's rent.
Ernest Collis is getting up a soap
order. We hope that he will succeed as
he is sure to for he is a smart little boy
with plenty of perseverance.
Deputy Sheriff Addison E. True of
Mechanic Falls died at 6:30 o'clock Mon-
day morning, after a long illness.

EAST STONEHAM.
Comrade Harry Littlefield is again in
town.
The grip and colds have been prevalent
in this vicinity.
Mrs. Tibbetts returned home soon
after her sister's death.
Mrs. Alphonsa McAllister of Lewiston
is visiting her parents at present.
C. C. Flinders, who had a paralytic
shock, a few days ago, remains about
the same.
Mrs. Sarah Courson of Dover, N. H.,
has been very sick but is some better
now, we learn.
Dustin McAllister has gone to his
brother's at Lynchville to board and has
closed his house for the present.
Mrs. Charles Bartlett has been quite
sick but is now convalescing, we hear.
Honour Green is with Mrs. Bartlett.
The funeral of little Gordon Woodbury
was held at the church, Sunday p. m.,
conducted by Rev. A. P. MacDonald.
The electric railroad is much dis-
cussed. If words had power to build it,
the cars would have been running on it
ere this time.
Mrs. Mary A. Stearns wishes the re-
turn of a large, nice, silk "beckerchief,"
which she says, borrowed very un-
ceremoniously, a few weeks ago, during
her recent illness.
H. M. Parker, who has driven a four
horse team, so many years, for J. Bart-
lett, has resigned the job and Mellen
Bartlett has taken the team. Mr. Parker
has purchased the veteran "Sam" of
Mr. B.
Geo. Brown shot a wild goose, last
week.
Louise Swett is building a snug little
fishing camp on the bank of Allen Pond.
Comrade Littlefield has an interest in it,
and is attending to the details.
Comrade Chas. Flinders, who has been
very ill from a paralytic shock, is im-
proving. The comrade has fighting grit,
and says he is not yet ready to be must-
ered out.
Spring thaws are in order, and the road
travel is heavily. A recent fall by the
Norway stage consumed six hours' time
and an unlimited amount of patience
from the passengers. Hurry up the
electrics!
"Nell" Russell is planning to enlarge
his camp and build a new boat, this sea-
son. He firmly believes we have attrac-
tions here for a good class of sportsmen,
and that our projected electric railroad
will bring them here to hunt and fish.
As the fishing season is near at hand,
preparations are in progress for an ac-
tive campaign; and it looks as if our
ponds and streams were to receive a
share of sportsmen's patronage accord-
ed to some of the more famous waters,
where trout and salmon abound.
George Brown is building a sporting
camp for the Sampson Bros. of Norway.
The camp is really a substantial cottage
in style and finish, a story and a half
high, of red roof, and large enough to
contain four or five rooms. It is situated
on a commanding point of land, on the
north shore of Sawyer pond; convenient
to some of the best fishing and hunting
in this region.
Our old friend, Comrade Littlefield,
who made quite a record here last spring,
has not returned, is again with us.
He is very busy, painting boats,
building camp and fixing up his fishing
tackle, preparatory to the opening of the
fishing season, on May 1st. He says there
is a 10 pounder in Allen Pond and he is
going to fish for him. The comrade is a
patient stayer and I wouldn't wonder if
he got him.
Tuesday afternoon, a small doe deer
came out of the woods on the ice of
Lower Stone Pond, closely pursued by
two hounds. There happened to be an
ice team in charge of two or three lum-
bermen, crossing the pond. One of them
had an ax in his hand; one of the hounds
ran against the ax, and the owner of that
hound may find his mortal remains hung
up in a tree as a warning to evil minded
hounds to stay at home and not drive
deer. The second dog escaped from the
indignant citizens, and the poor exhaust-
ed doe was allowed to find its way quiet-
ly to the woods again. Looks like a case
for the game commissioners or wardens.

FRYEBURG CENTER.
James Walker of Rumford Falls is vis-
iting his cousin, Eugene Walker.
Mrs. Amos Maxwell has moved into
her house, with Mr. and Mrs. Will
Chandler.
Daniel, eldest son of Joseph Johnson,
is at the Maine General Hospital for
treatment.
Sheriff George Shirley was in the
place, last week, and ordered an old
cow out of the house of Charles Abbott's
killed.
The Superintendent of Schools in Frye-
burg has made the following assign-
ments:
Dist. No. 1, Susanna C. Weston, Fryeburg.
Dist. No. 2, Nina M. Shedd, Fryeburg.
Dist. No. 3, Emma P. Hill, Fryeburg.
Dist. No. 4, Phoebe F. Meserve, Fryeburg Cen-
ter.
Dist. No. 5, Kate L. Hutchins, West Frye-
burg.
Dist. No. 6, Mabel Perkins, Fryeburg.
Dist. No. 7, Hattie G. Adams, Fryeburg Cen-
ter.
Dist. No. 8, Eunice M. Barker, Fryeburg Cen-
ter.
Dist. No. 9, Susie T. Buzzell, Fryeburg Cen-
ter.
Dist. No. 10, Abigail S. Towle, West Frye-
burg.

DENMARK.
Geo. Gray and wife have spent the
winter in Portland.
No church service, last Sunday, be-
cause of the storm and mud.
Erastus Deering visited at A. H. With-
am's and other friends', last week.
Mrs. Jennie Colby has been on the sick
list, several weeks, but is improving.
Mrs. Newell went to Waterford, Fri-
day, to care for her son Frank, who has
out his leg badly.
Elwood Pendexter has been painting
Geo. Gray's buildings and is to paint
some of the schoolhouses.
Fred Davis and family have moved in-
to the Moses Gould house. They had
the misfortune to lose a young babe,
born Sunday.
The high school had a drama, Friday
evening, at the Odd Fellows' hall, the
proceeds to help pay for educational lec-
tures of the winter.
Herbert Wentworth has hired with El-
mer Berry, on the Bean place, for a
month. A. P. Trumbull has finished
work on the Bean place.
A tableau, at one of our village homes
in which some of our young men and
women were actors, is the latest sensa-
tion, with a public exhibition of the or-
atorical powers of women in a personal
set-to, with fragrant words as a supple-
ment.

WATERFORD.
The Kimball brothers have started up
their power wood saw.
The little stranger welcomed to F. H.
Morse's family died, last Saturday.
Bertha F. Rice is home from her school
in Quincy, Mass., for a short vacation.
Jennie Burnham has accepted a posi-
tion in the grammar school at Grovelton,
N. H.
Mrs. J. G. Everett is quite sick with
grip. Addison Millett is better so he is
out.
Dudley contemplates building an ad-
dition to his already extensive set of
buildings, this spring.
Frank Newell, the young Indian, had
the misfortune to cut his knee quite
badly, the other day.
Since March 20th, C. D. Morse has
sent eleven caskets from his undertaking
rooms, an unprecedented record.
Rev. Mr. Markley will preach at the
Universalist church, next Sunday at 8.30
p. m.; Sabbath school at 2.30. All are
invited.
L. G. Stone and Adna Hobbs are at
work on the old Robinson store, making
it over into a summer cottage for Mrs.
Collomore of Boston, who bought it last
winter.
These teachers have been engaged for
summer schools:
Waterford, Louise M. Browne.
South Waterford, Annie G. Asherton.
North Waterford Advanced, Lizzie O. La-
selle.
East Waterford, Ethel M. Nelson.
"Mutiny," Carrie L. Plummer.
"Blackguard," Ethel Monroe.
Temple Hill, Honor Green.
Nason Dist., Melvinia Green.
North Waterford Primary, Ida G. Abbott.

HARRISON.
Mrs. M. Lombard is convalescent.
The snow is rapidly disappearing. It
is quite good wheeeling.
T. D. Emery is doing a rushing busi-
ness, at his headquarters for sawwork.
Mrs. Nelly Stone of Otisfield has ac-
cepted a position in our grammar school.
Sickness still prevails in our village,—
old cases convalescent and new ones to
be seen.
We miss Dr. E. S. Abbott of Bridgton,
he being called to Dexter, to settle his
late father's estate.
"Oh, do you notice the light color'd top
coats, this spring? Nobby styles, if the
head above them is level."
Opening of spring millinery at C. E. &
E. M. Briggs', Friday and Saturday,
April 23 and 24. You are invited. See
ad.
Every one is more than pleased to see
H. A. Sylvester of Portland back with us
again. His reliability and the public es-
teem will make the drug store a popular
place of business.
Dr. L. G. Kimball of Lynn, formerly
of Bridgton and our town, died very sud-
denly, April 9, from heart failure. He
was 52 years old. The deceased married
Miss Howard of this place. He was a
member of the Methodist church and
was very much liked. He leaves a wid-
ow and eight children. Interment will
occur in Lynn.
All are jubilant over the boom of in-
terest in the Westbrook, Windham &
Harrison Railroad. This road or the Ox-
ford Central is just the thing for our
place. Let it come. W. A. H. is about
right in the News of April 9, when he
says, "I am not absolutely sure whether
the people of Harrison would like the
Bridgton narrow gauge to be extended to
our village or not,"—it being a certain
fact that we object.

NORTH WATERFORD.
Horace Foster is very sick.
A son was born to Ernest Gilman and
wife, April 5.
Sadie Horr is attending school at Doug-
lass seminary.
Rev. A. P. McDonald attended two
funerals, Sunday.
Frank Knights and Bert Kneeland are
sick with the grip.
Ed Farmer has been "quite sick with
neurialgia in the head, but is now better."
Mrs. Thomas of East Denmark is car-
ing for the sick ones at Ernest Gilman's.
It is still very sickly. There has been
hardly enough well ones to care for the
sick ones.
Bertha Rice is at home from Quincy,
Mass., where she has a position as teach-
er in a grammar school.
Fred Ray and Mrs. J. C. Sawyer, who
for several weeks have been sick with
the grip, are improving.
The people of this vicinity were much
shocked to hear of the death of our
townsman and neighbor, Alonzo Little-
field, which occurred April 8.
Mrs. Cook of Harrison died, April 7,
at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chif-
ford Rice. She leaves two daughters,
besides many other relatives and friends.
Rev. A. P. McDonald officiated at the
funeral. The remains were taken to
Harrison for burial, Saturday.

SOUTH WATERFORD.
The sick people are gaining.
The Grange whist club will meet at
Grange hall, Saturday night.
The young people had a social dance
in the evening; music by Packard's or-
chestra.
Harry Haynes has recently purchased
a pair of stiers of D. Adams of Sweden.
We expect to see Harry hauling wood
to this village before long.
Arthur E. Brown, of Newark, N. J., as
mentioned in last week's paper, is spend-
ing his summers in South Waterford.
It looks now as though he would spend
his winters in Florida.
Bear Mountain Grange had an all day
meeting, Saturday, with a picnic dinner.
The program for the afternoon was:
Vocal solo..... Ethel Monroe
Reading..... Jennie Burnham
Music..... Chas. Packard, Edna Haynes
Recitation..... Ellen Hamlin
Music..... Alice Monroe
Song..... W. H. Haynes
Reading..... M. Monroe
Music..... Orchestra

LOVELL.
John B. Kimball lost a good hog, re-
cently.
Mrs. Joseph Smith is improved in
health.
Amy McDaniels and friend have re-
turned to Norway.
Marcellus Stearns has returned from a
visit to Boston and vicinity.
Albert Kimball and W. H. Keniston
have painted their buildings.
The Odd Fellows hall is being painted
by Fred W. Brown and Benj. Russell, jr.
W. H. Farrington and wife have re-
turned from Gilead, where has been at
work with his horses during the winter.
A. M. Farmer has been making some
changes in the interior of his house.
Benj. Russell, jr., had charge of the
work.

GRASSES OF SALT MARSHES.

The Hay Product and Method of Harvesting—Its Various Uses.

No one who has traveled along the shores of New England and the middle states can fail to have noticed the numerous live shaped stacks of hay thickly scattered over the extensive marshes which border these coasts. The character of this hay and the elements of which it is composed cannot fail to be of interest, for they are wholly unlike those of other regions, and the hay itself, while less valuable than that usually found in our markets, serves many a useful purpose and forms a very important item of local trade.

Except along the shores of the New England and middle states much marsh land has received but little attention. In Connecticut unimproved marsh is valued at from \$5 to \$20 per acre. Diked marsh is much more valuable, as it often exceeds in productiveness the adjoining uplands. Except when diked, practically no care is given to the marshes beyond keeping open the ditches which serve to drain off the tide water. They are fertilized entirely by the deposits of the tides, or if located near the mouths of rivers by such fertilizing elements as may be brought down by the streams in season of floods and deposited upon them.

The hay product of the marshes varies from half a ton to a ton or more per acre, and is harvested at any time from June on as is most convenient, but little attention being paid to the time of blooming of the grasses of which it is composed. When the marshes are firm enough to allow the use of machinery, the grass is cut with a mow, but in many cases this is impracticable and the cutting is done by hand. Occasionally it is necessary to take advantage of very low tides to carry on the operation of harvesting. After being cut the hay is raked, and if it cannot be dried upon the marsh it is carried to the adjoining uplands and there spread out to cure. More frequently it is stacked upon the marsh and hauled away during the winter season when the lands are frozen. The hay is taken to the stacks in various ways. One method, observed on the coast of Maine, consists in raking up the hay in small bundles. Two poles are run under these bundles, and then the hay is carried by two men, as it rests on these poles, to the stack and placed upon it.

A common use of salt hay in the vicinity of seaport towns is for packing glassware and crockery, the fine and rather stiff, very stems of the grasses peculiar to the marshes being particularly well adapted for packing purposes, much better than the hay of the uplands. The better quality of marsh or salt hay makes very good feed for growing stock, but possesses little fattening value. Some of the grasses composing the hay impart a disagreeable flavor to the milk or butter of cows feeding upon it.

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it. The agrostologist of the United States department of agriculture, who furnished for the department's year book the foregoing information, says that usually a better quality of hay can be obtained from the marshes as they exist by paying more attention to the time of harvesting. If the hay is desired for fodder, the harvesting should be done so far as possible when the most valuable grasses are in flower.

In the Spring.
Some beekeepers use a trap at the entrance of the hive. This trap allows the workers to pass, but catches and holds the queen when the bees swarm. A new hive is placed upon the old stand when a swarm comes out and the old one moved to a new place. The bees, not finding the queen with them, return to their old location and enter the new hive, supposing it their own home, and as they are going in the queen is released and goes in with them. Thus they are really led to live themselves.

Agricultural Colleges and Stations.
The executive committee of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, having carefully considered the place and time of holding the next annual convention of the association, has unanimously voted to call it at Washington, Nov. 10. The formal call for the convention will be only issued. The section on entomology and the section on mechanic arts are designated to furnish parts of the programme for the general sessions.

DRIFTING ONWARD.

Drifting onward—ever drifting,
Toward you shining, shoreless sea,
Farther still from earth's green landscapes,
Nearer to eternity.
Onward—yet we know not whither
We are borne by time's swift tide,
Heeding not the dangerous river
Down whose darkling stream we glide.

Drifting onward—we are going
To a country all unknown;
Guard, O Lord, and keep thou, ever—
Leave us not to drift alone.
Shield us from the water's perils,
Save from darkness and angry storm;
Let thine arm of might defend us
Evermore from every harm.
Drifting onward—we will anchor
At the heavenly port at last,
Every care and trial ended,
All our toils and dangers past,
Happy on that shore Elysian,
Nevermore shall storm clouds frown;
Oh, the bright, unending vision,
Where no pining sun goes down!

—Francis A. Simkins.

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NORWAY, MAINE.

PARIS HILL.

S. D. Hutchinson had a slight paralytic shock, last week, but is recovering. Emerson Whitman, better known as "Dime," spent a few days at Paris, last week.

Mrs. Mary Wiley of Bethel, Mrs. Minnie B. Carter and daughter Dorotha of Brooklyn, N. Y., are at Cullen L. Carter's.

Robert H. Jackson came home to spend his Easter holidays with his mother, who was sick with gripe, at the Hubbard House.

Hon. Hiram Hubbard, who has been in poor health for the past few years, has had a very severe attack of gripe, but is slowly recovering.

Several new members are to be received into the Universalist church, next Sunday, and the Lord's Supper will be observed. In the evening, the Y. P. C. U. will give an Easter concert.

Easter concert at the Baptist church, next Sunday, at 7 p. m., an exercise, "The Procession of the Centuries," will be given, followed by the "Easter Cross," by the children. All are welcome.

The students of the grammar grade are to give a fair, soon, for the library. Any articles, useful or ornamental, for the school, will be thankfully received by Mrs. J. M. Pike and the members of the school.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Lorenzo Davis went to Mechanic Falls, Monday.

Geo. E. Stevens and wife went to Portland, Thursday.

Fremont Celbath of South Rumford was here, last week.

Several attended Pomona Grange at South Paris, Tuesday.

D. H. Curtis owns triplet lambs that weigh seven pounds each.

Edwin Marston and wife have returned from Orono, and will spend the summer on the home farm.

Rose Whitman spent the week with her parents, G. L. Whitman and wife, returning, Monday.

Ella Sanborn came home from Auburn and spent Sunday with her parents, O. H. Sanborn and wife.

Benj. Arsenault was here, last week. Ben had just returned from his old home in Prince Edward Island.

Charles Norris is staying at Woodard Benson's. Mr. Norris has been employed in Livermore Falls.

The latest congressional directory has been received from Senator Frye. It contains lots of information, very valuable.

Eugene Richardson has returned to town, having sacrificed to his nuptials. He somewhat resembles the 16 to 1 candidate.

Joseph and Elmer Davis have made a large quantity of sweet, notwithstanding the season, and quality good. They always have ready sales.



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ALBANY.

Rev. E. J. Converse has returned from Columbus, O., where he has been spending his vacation.

Anna Cummings, who has been stopping with her sister, Mrs. A. G. Bean, has returned to her home as his general agent for a firm in Philadelphia.

The Grangers gave an interesting entertainment at their Hall, last Tuesday evening, consisting of dialogues and music and refreshments of cake and coffee. The proceeds go to the Good Will Farm.

Mrs. Phebe Atkinson of California is visiting friends at the Corner. She has been stopping with her nephew in Greenwood, for some time, but intends going to California, this summer.

Herbert Bean and bride gave a reception at the Hall, Thursday evening. The time was pleasantly passed in a social way with music and a treat. We are glad to have our friends come back to their native town for a home.

VALLEY ROAD.—J. R. Rice has been sick. C. R. Eames has finished hauling spruce pulp to Bethel.

Fyfe Clark has begun to drive his logs to J. Brown's mill.

We understand that J. Briggs has moved into Steve Libby's rent.

O. H. Saunders and wife are the happy possessors of a boy a month old.

Isaac Flint's family have all been sick but are over the worst of it now.

Lulu McAllister has finished work for O. H. Saunders and gone home to Lynchville.

The friends of D. A. Cummings, who is in the hospital at Portland, are hoping he will be much benefited by the operation he has undergone.

Mrs. Louise Rand, while visiting at her brother's at North Waterford, was taken sick and at present is unable to be up but a small part of the time.

Charles Flint was taken suddenly worse a few days ago and after a period of suffering died Sunday at 6 p. m. He was a good neighbor, a kind and upright man. The community has met with a severe loss. He was buried, Wednesday at 10 a. m., under the auspices of the I. O. F. of North Waterford.

THE LITTLE FLAWAY.

Norway has been fortunate in securing the talented singing and dancing soprano, Miss Jeannette Rostelle, who will present the famous comedy-drama "The Little Flaway" at Opera House, Norway. She will be supported by the eminent comedienne, W. H. Stewart, who keeps the audience in a continual uproar, and a company of ladies and gentlemen, who have been selected for their special fitness for their parts. The play is interesting, instructing and amusing and abounds with refined specialties. Remember the date is Past Day, Thursday, April 22d. Get your seats in advance at the usual place.

NORWAY COMMANDERY, 247, U. O. G. C.

WHEREAS, The great and supreme Ruler of the universe has, in his infinite wisdom, removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed members, Charles S. Cummings; and whereas, the intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this society makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore,

Resolved, that the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our Commandery by services, contributions and counsel, will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, that the removal of such a life from among our midst, leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply felt by all the members and friends of this society, and will prove a serious loss to the community and public.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record of the Commandery, a copy printed in the local paper, and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

L. A. MERRILL, Committee on Resolutions.
N. L. ANDREWS, on M. H. MERRILL, Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, Death has again entered the portals of Bear Mountain Grange, No. 62, and removed one of our oldest and most esteemed charter members, Bro. William Green; therefore be it

Resolved, That by the death of Brother Green our Grange loses a worthy member, one who was deeply respected and most esteemed by all, and ever desirous of promoting its advancement;

Resolved, That by his death society loses a valued and honorable citizen, the sick a sympathetic friend; the wife and family a kind and affectionate husband and father; and that while we shall sadly miss him we can but feel that his loss is his eternal gain;

Resolved, That we tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and family, in this hour of their deep affliction, and assure our sister that she will continue to hold a large place in our friendship and regard of the members of our fraternity.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that these resolutions be made a part of the records of our order, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER for publication.

MARYANDA BILLINGS, Committee on Resolutions.
JOHN SHAW, LUBELLA A. FLINT, Resolutions.
South Waterford, April 10, 1897.

BIRTHS.

In Norway, Apr. 9, to the wife of Freeman H. S. Richardson, a son.

In Rumford Falls, Apr. 6, to the wife of Lawrence Sullivan, a daughter.

In Rumford Falls, Apr. 7, to the wife of J. M. Graves, a son.

In Harrison, Apr. 2, to the wife of Eugene A. Spaulding, a son.

In Waterford, Apr. 7, to the wife of Edward O. Eldon, a daughter.

In Paris, Apr. 7, to the wife of Eldron H. Stearns, a daughter.

In Waterford, Apr. 7, to the wife of George A. Miller, a daughter.

In Waterford, Apr. 8, to the wife of Frank H. More, a son.

In North Waterford, Apr. 5, to the wife of Ernest Glum, a son.

In Edes Falls, Mar. 22, to the wife of Clinton Edes, a son.

In Norway, Apr. 11, by Rev. C. B. Angell, Walter S. Jones of South Paris and Alice F. Graves of Norway.

In Welchville, by Rev. J. B. Howard, James Dunn of East Poland and Mrs. Flora Staples.

In South Waterford, Apr. 14, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. W. P. Curtis, J. H. Brown of Norway and Fannie E. Caswell of South Waterford.

In Norway, April 14, Charles W. Cummings of Edes and Sadie Hobbs of Norway.

DEATHS.
In Hot Springs, Ark., Maggie, wife of Frank C. Stearns, formerly of Norway, died at 10.30 a. m. In East Brownfield, Linwood, only child of Mrs. Will Wentworth, aged 1 year, 6 months.
In Paris, Apr. 12, Mrs. Arabella Carter, aged 90 years.
In Paris, Apr. 8, Rose C., wife of Daniel Gammon, aged 80 years.
In Hartford, March 28, Mrs. Nancy Ricker, widow of the late Demus Ricker, aged 82 years.
In Albany, Apr. 12, Charles Flint, aged 61 years.
In Norway, Apr. 10, Ethel Maudie Cullinan, wife of George H. Gould, aged 18 years, 7 months.
In North Waterford, Apr. 7, Mrs. Cook of Harrison, aged 80 years.
In Lyndon (Centre, Vt., Apr. 5, only child of Mr. and Mrs. (nee Grace) Bay, R. L. Fugatey, formerly of Harrison, aged 10 years.
In Concord, Mass., Apr. 11, Effie, eldest daughter of John and Agnes (Andrews) Wilson, formerly of Norway, aged 10 years.
In Lynn, Mass., Apr. 9, Dr. L. G. Abbott, formerly of Harrison, aged 62 years.
In Locke's Mills, April 14, Abner Herrick, aged about 70 years.
In Lewiston, April 12, Mrs. Lizzie, wife of Charles A. Lucas of South Paris.

SOUTH CONWAY, N. H.

L. D. Mills is finishing off chambers, as he expects a household of boarders, this summer.

Mrs. Herbert Cook and son Ralph of Brownfield were in town, Wednesday, calling on friends.

Charles Garland, Freeman Stacy and John Braden of Porter have recently been in the place on business.

Mrs. James McQuade has been very sick. It was at one time feared she would have a shock. She is now better.

Albra Garland has been finishing the chambers in his house. His son, J. Allie, and wife, are to board with him.

He had another shock about a week before he died, and remained unconscious while he lived. All the nourishment that he could take was a few drops of spirit in water, as his mouth and stomach was paralyzed.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Keep of Conway Corner officiating. Mr. Hill had lived for the last two years with Wm. French, whose wife was a sister to Mrs. Hill. The latter died three years ago last Christmas, her husband finding her dead by his side, one morning. Two years ago Mr. Hill had a shock when he was alone in his house, and it was about 48 hours before any one knew about it.

Since then he has been a cripple. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. James Hill of Brownfield and Mrs. James McQuade of this place, and three brothers, Eli of Intervale and Abner and Orrin of Maine.

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Word reached us Monday, that were being caught at the mouth of Sebago. A small cove, having caught one that weighed eight pounds.

A day later E. E. Hastings reports the catching of a salmon in Sebago water. The person taking it is unknown. Several smaller ones have also been caught. C. E. Brown of Brown's cabin a new boat down from Norway paired to his camp, Monday with him Morritt Welch and W. of Norway. Mr. Brown's boat, Brown, and Mell Barrows of V. ner are at Brown's cabin.

Facts about the Easter service of the Episcopal church in Norway. Early celebration of the Holy Sacrament. New communion was used, the gift of Miss Frances of Rockland, Maine. Morning service at 8.30 a. m. A congregation numbered about 25. Florence Elizabeth Mary Scott, 6 months, child of Mrs. W. Scott (resides corner Paris streets) was received into the church by the service of baptism. The church was with beautiful flowers, the gift of Laila and Mr. Fessenden. The were afterwards distributed at sick. Short sermon, text: "I am risen with Christ, such the which are above." Cor. iii. verses were